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	AX	US Serial #10/298,374, filed 11/18/02; Methods for Manufacturing Microstructured Optical Fibers with Arbitrary Core Size

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